



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
*Partners for Better Communities*

## **CDBG Water and Wastewater Resources**

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# Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

- Non-entitlement communities
- Projects must meet one of three broad national objectives:
  - benefit low- and moderate-income persons
  - prevent or eliminate slums or blight
  - address an urgent community development need (public emergency or health threat)



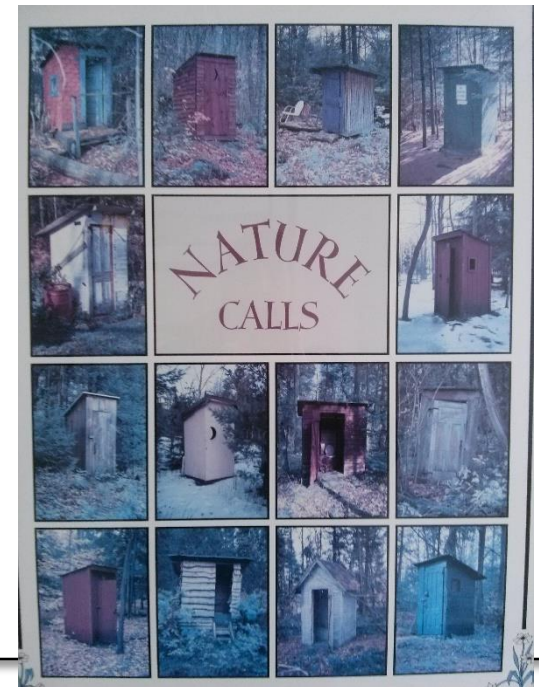
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- Flexible, wide range of activities, such as
  - infrastructure for new or expanding industries
  - new or improved water and sewer systems in rural areas
  - rehabilitation of housing
  - revitalization of commercial districts



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- **Construction Ready Water & Sewer**
- Up to \$800,000 per project for installation or improvement of water or sewer service
- Cannot exceed \$20,000 for water and \$25,000 for sewer in CDBG funds per household
- Available for construction and allowable administrative expenses only
- Project area must be at least 60% LMI households (if town-wide must be at 55% LMI)
- Grantees must be able to be under contract within 60-days



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- **Economic Development Options**

Grants	Funding Available
Economic Development & Entrepreneurship Fund	Up to \$1,000,000
Job Creation/Retention	Up to \$1,000,000 per project \$1.25 million for regional projects
Development Readiness/Redevelopment	Up to \$1,000,000



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- **Urgent Needs**
- Up to \$1,000,000 per project
- Prompt response to existing threats to local health and safety that is supported by
  - Governor's Declaration of Emergency, or
  - State Commissioner of Health's Declaration of Immediate and Severe Health Threat.
- Applicant is unable to finance the project and other emergency funds are not available.
- Condition developed within 18 months of the submission of the proposal.



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- **Competitive Grants**
- This year **\$10.5 million** will be made available for Community Improvement Grants
- All proposals are scored on 1,000 point scale and ranked in scoring order
- It is expected that proposals will address items that are among the locality's highest identified community development needs



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## Public Infrastructure

- Eligible for **up to \$1,000,000**
- **MUST** target a single, well-defined project area (neighborhood or locality-wide)
- At least **51 percent** of households in project area must be low-to-moderate income.
  
- **DHCD FUNDING PRIORITIES**
  - Primary-projects providing new water/wastewater service to LMI persons
  - Secondary-projects involving the replacement and rehabilitation of existing systems





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## Regional Water & Wastewater

- Eligible for **up to \$2,500,000** (with 1 locality as lead applicant)
- At least **51 percent** of the residents in the project area are low and moderate income persons.
- Service must be made available to any house within the project area that is occupied by an LMI household located within 200' of the distribution (water) or collector (sewer) line at no cost to the household beyond monthly user fees, provided the cost of installing said connection line does not exceed \$3,500;
- The CDBG investment per water connection may not exceed an average of \$20,000.
- The CDBG investment per sewer connection may not exceed an average of \$25,000.



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# Thank you

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